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SEALABLE FASTENER WITH SEALANT DELIVERY PASSAGEWAY  
TO CIRCUMFERENTIAL SEALANT CHANNEL AND METHOD

described and claimed in the attached specification serial number 10/615,341 filed on July 8, 2003, which is based in part upon the disclosure contained within disclosure document number 495,287 filed on June 13, 2001, is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/931,697, filed on August 15, 2001, and is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 09/982,400 filed on October 18, 2001, that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration; that I do not know and do not believe the same was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this or subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve (12) months prior to this application, that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a), and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as follows: None.

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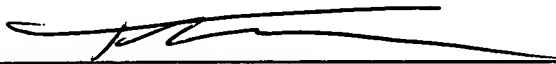
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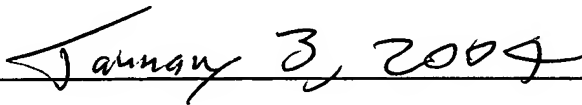
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